

Truman VA Bulletin



Women's History Month

Writing

WOMEN BACK INTO HISTORY

- In 1967, an executive order added sex to other prohibited forms of discrimination in Federal employment. In response, the U.S. Civil Service Commission established the Federal Women's Program (FWP). Between 1972 and 1994, Federal regulations required agencies to designate a FWP manager to advise their EEO managers on matters affecting the employ-

ment and advancement of women. Federal EEO laws and regulations now direct agencies to designate special emphasis program managers, including FWP managers, as may be necessary to carry out required EEO functions.

- National Women's History Month grew from an effort to recognize and celebrate the accom-

plishments of women in American history. The annual observance began in 1981 as National Women's History week.

- Truman VA's Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Committee welcomes **Vicki Freelon** as our new Federal Women's Program Manager.



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Truman VA Receives CFC Gold Award

Truman VA Hospital has received a Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) Gold Award in appreciation of superior achievement and outstanding

support in the CFC. During last fall's voluntary fund raising campaign, Truman VA employees donated/pledged \$37,136. The figure

raised for the Columbia Area CFC was \$143,017. **Paul Kurzejeski** (SC) serves as chair of the Columbia Area CFC Local Coordinating Committee.

MARCH SERVICE PINS

40-Years ★

John A. "Andy" Fox,
Supervisory Prosthetic
Representative (CS)

30-Years ★

Greg A. Bergman, LCSW,
Social Worker (PS)

Alana G. Smith, RN,
Staff Nurse (PS)

Karen M. Wheeler,
Speech Pathologist (SC)

25-Years ★

Mary Ann Wood,
IT Specialist (OI&T)

15-Years ★

Peggy L. Moser, RN,
Staff Nurse (PS)

Rita A. Thurman, RN,
Staff Nurse (PS)

Timothy R. Vandegriffe,
Telephone Operator (HAS)

10-Years ★

Jason A. Cox,
Housekeeping Aid (FM)

Pamela J. Downing, MD,
Staff Physician (PC)

5-Years ★

Jason M. Jones, RN,
Staff Nurse (PS)

Jeanette M. Lyon, LPN (PS)

Truman VA Employees Support Career Days

The Education Committee of the Columbia Chamber of Commerce sponsored "Career Days" in February at all three middle schools in the Columbia Public School District. Several Truman VA employees participated in the annual event in which brief informative presentations about various careers in six different career paths, including health services, were presented

to 7th grade students at Smithton, Gentry and Lange Middle Schools. Truman VA employees that participated included **Tina Armstrong**, Nurse; **Larry Brady**, Vocational Rehabilitation; **Dawn Brooks**, Medical Technologist; **Tiffany Colvin**, Medical Technologist; **Kathy Crews**, Nurse; **Vicki Freelon**, EKG Technician; **Stephen Gaither**, Public Affairs; **Carla Hansel**, Pharma-

cist; **Laura Jacobs**, Audiologist; **Lula Johnson**, Nurse; **Jason Jones**, Nurse; **Christina Rasmussen**, Audiologist; **Terrye Reahr**, Nurse Practitioner; **Alexandra Roark**, Occupational Therapist; **Bob Van Arsdale**, Pharmacist; **Annette Velasco-Detar**, Nurse and **Maya Warren**, Nurse. More than 75 individuals from the community participated in the three "Career Days."

2010 Census Reminder

The 2010 Census forms should be in your mailbox soon. The Census is a snapshot of our nation's population - capturing our changing and diverse America in a fleeting moment in time. But this historic event will do

more than tell us who we are as a nation today. It will affect our community's future, our country's future and your future. The Federal government distributes more than \$400 billion annually to state, local and

tribal governments based on census data. Please make a difference in your community and be counted in 2010. Complete and return your 2010 Census form.

"Step Up And Be Counted!"



Local Benefactor Aids Effort to Build Vet House

Columbia-based VA Mortgage Center.com has donated \$60,000 to the Show-Me Central Habitat for Humanity to fund the construction of a house for a Veteran in honor of all Veterans. This is the first "Veteran Build Project" in Columbia. Construction will begin within one month of finding a Veteran and will finish by Veterans Day. VA Mortgage Cen-

ter.com's mission is to help Veterans and active duty service members take full advantage of their VA home loan benefits. The Show-Me Habitat for Humanity invites Veterans to apply for this no-interest loan opportunity for home ownership. Interested Veterans must live within the Columbia area, have a housing need, be willing to work as a partner with Show-

Me Habitat in the building process and meet income guidelines. The Veteran will purchase the home through Habitat for Humanity. Home ownership guidelines are available at www.showmehabitat.org



OI&T Computer Corner— “White Boards Go High Tech”





Ward White Board - Windows Internet Explorer provided by Harry S. Truman Memorial VA

http://vhar02bms1v.v16.med.va.gov/VHA15/VHACMO/WARDS_BEDS_PATIENTS_WHITEBOA Live Search

File Edit View Favorites Tools Help

Ward White Board

Return to Home Page Whiteboard for: 6ICU - Last Update: 02/12/10 at 10:00 (CST) Icon Legend

BED	STAFF	Comments	STATUS DSC BED	PT	S X	WARD	LOS WRD DiH
611-11-CO					M	MICU-CO - CO-MICU/CCU	0:14
611-12-CO							
656-1-CO					M	MICU-CO - CO-MICU/CCU	3:24
656-10-CO	 				M	TICU-CO - CO-SICU	3:22
656-2-CO					M	MICU-CO - CO-MICU/CCU	9:21
656-3-CO					M	MICU-CO - CO-MICU/CCU	24:22
656-4-CO	 				M	SICU-CO - CO-SICU	26:23
656-5-CO					M	TICU-CO - CO-SICU	13:19
656-6-CO					M	TICU-CO - CO-SICU	1:19
656-7-CO					M	MICU-CO - CO-MICU/CCU	54:23
656-8-CO					M	TICU-CO - CO-SICU	2:18
656-9-CO					M	TICU-CO - CO-SICU	0:20

“Large monitors will be installed on each ward, in the Emergency Department and the Operating Room.”

Bed Management Solutions (BMS) software is coming to a PC near you - soon! The screen shot above is a sample of the ICU “whiteboard” screen that will show bed availability on each hospital ward. Icons that provide additional information about the patient, such as fall risk, flu, suicide risk and flight risk may be added. Text may be

added to document other important information such as staff taking care of the patient. When a patient is admitted or discharged, BMS updates automatically. Large monitors will be installed on each ward, in the Emergency Department and the Operating Room. This software is expected to:

- 1) provide staff with more information about patients waiting for a bed, pending discharges as well as efficiency reports on bed turnover time; and
- 2) improve our “patient flow” process resulting in more efficient use of our beds.

Employee Satisfaction Committee Solicits Feedback

The Truman VA Employee Satisfaction Committee wants to hear from you! This committee is dedicated to championing employee satisfaction through employee recognition, wellness, praise, career development, supporting diversity, training / education, survey support and other opportunities.

To that end, an Employee Satisfaction Committee Suggestions link has been established on the hospital home page for employees to submit ideas on such topics as activities/programs to enhance employee satisfaction, ways to improve employee satisfaction activities and “lunch and learn” topics. In addition, information regard-

ing the 2009 All Employee Survey results has been posted in all service lines, on the hospital home page and on digital message boards. For more information regarding the committee and opportunities to have an impact, contact **Lea Foster** at extension 54071 or **Sara Hake** at extension 56316.

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WELCOME:

Curtis Dennis, Medical Support Assistant (SC)
Brent Miedema, MD, Staff Surgeon (SC)

FAREWELL (NOT PICTURED):

Margaret Barnes, Secretary to Associate Director (ADIR)
McKenzie Cave, Student Nursing Aid (PS) (deceased)
Nicole Fearing, MD, Staff Surgeon (SC)
Said Daibes Figueroa, PhD, Research Health Scientist (Research)
Sara Mason, RN, Staff Nurse (PS)
George Sinko, Human Resources Specialist (HR)

**MEALS ON WHEELS FUND
RAISER ACKNOWLEDGE-
MENT**

On behalf of the Meals on Wheels Board of Directors, I would like to thank the VA employees that purchased 148 lunches during this year's "Big Wheels" fund raiser. Your generosity will provide 232 free lunches to clients unable to pay for their meals. Your community support of our special business partner is very much appreciated.

Linda Duffen

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Don't forget to "spring forward" when Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday, March 14 at 2:00 a.m. CT.

**VOLUNTARY LEAVE
TRANSFER PROGRAM**

Anna Pantoja (PS) has been approved for the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program. Contact **Lena Warren (HR)** for information.

**ALL EMPLOYEE TOWN
HALL MEETINGS**

All employee town hall meetings are scheduled on Tuesday, March 16 at 8:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. in the auditorium.

**ENJOY YOUR FREEDOM?
THANK A VETERAN!**